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FOR EUR: WARREN ZIMMERMANN

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TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.), AU

SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO VIENNA: KREISKY VIEWS ON  
EAST-WEST RELATIONS

REF: STATE 098382

1. KREISKY'S VIEWS ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS REFLECT  
AUSTRIA'S POSITION IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND ITS TRADITIONAL  
TIES WITH EASTERN EUROPE ON ONE HAND, AND ITS DEDICATION  
TO POLITICAL PLURALISM AND DEMOCRACY ON THE OTHER.  
IN KREISKY'S VIEW, THERE IS NO VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO  
DETENTE WITH EASTERN EUROPE. AT SAME TIME, EXPANDED  
RELATIONS MUST BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO ENSURE PUBLIC  
SUPPORT.

2. KREISKY BELIEVES ADVANTAGES FOR EUROPEAN COMMUNIST  
COUNTRIES IN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH WEST  
ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN DISADVANTAGES ON IDEOLOGICAL-  
POLITICAL SIDE FLOWING FROM HELSINKI FINAL ACT,  
INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. ACCORDING TO  
KREISKY'S ANALYSIS, HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES IN  
COMMUNIST COUNTRIES LACK SUPPORT OF WORKERS AND  
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IN ABSENCE OF SUCH SUPPORT, EE REGIMES WILL PROBABLY  
BE ABLE TO CONTAIN FURTHER CHALLENGES TO THEIR RULE  
BY DISSIDENTS. KREISKY FEELS THAT ADVANCED AGE AND  
GENERAL CONVERSATISM OF SOVIET LEADERSHIP MAKES LESS  
LIKELY MAJOR REVERSAL OF CURRENT SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY  
OF DETENTE AND SELECTIVE EAST WEST-COOPERATION.

3. KREISKY CONCLUDES THAT WEST SHOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE ACTIVE POLICY OF EAST-WEST COOPERATION ON BOARD FRONT WITH AIM OF ENGAGING EAST IN IDEOLOGICAL COMPETITION ON MORE FAVORABLE TERMS. KREISKY IS AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT LATTER UNDERTAKING IS ONLY POSSIBLE IF U.S. COMMITMENT TO EUROPE IS MAINTAINED AND IF DETENTE IS NOT CONFINED SOLELY TO EUROPE.MEEHAN

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